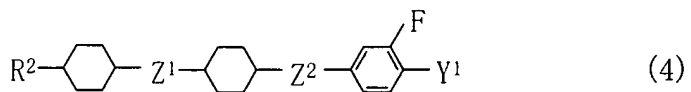
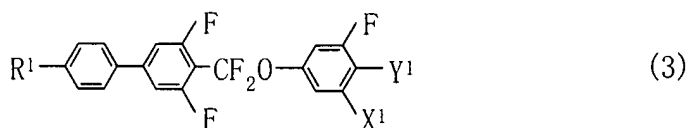
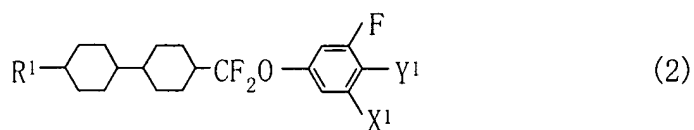
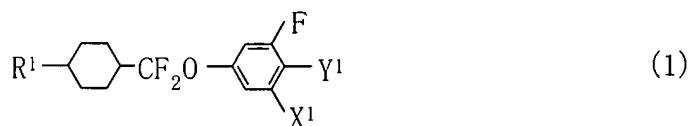


## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A liquid crystal composition containing at least one compound selected from compounds of formula (1) and formula (2) as a first component, at least one compound selected from compounds of formula (3) as a second component, and at least one compound selected from compounds of formula (4) as a third component:



wherein  $R^1$  is alkyl;  $R^2$  is alkyl or alkenyl;  $Z^1$  and  $Z^2$  are independently a single bond or  $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$ ;  $X^1$  is hydrogen or fluorine; and  $Y^1$  is fluorine or  $-\text{OCF}_3$ . Also provided is a liquid crystal display element containing the composition.